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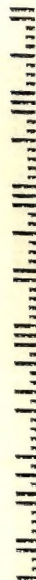
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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 p.m.—**SHARP!**

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but transmits 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—Center City 103.5 Hz—Lansdale 114.8 Hz—Broomall 85.4 Hz

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

## STATIONS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I  
The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: [w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam](mailto:w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam)

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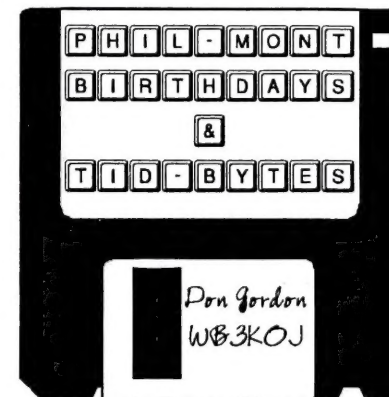
## NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Rose Gold (XYL K2ID)
- 03 Jon Verlin - KA3VVU
- 05 Dorene Weiner (XYL N3LCV\*)
- 06 Holly Paulson - KA3MSJ\*
- 08 Matthew Adair - N3YAA\*
- 13 Jon Balch - W3KG
- 15 Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)
- 16 Bill Sullivan - N3QMH
- 17 Lee Kovnat (XYL WB3JUA)
- Eileen Weigand (XYL AA3EP)
- 18 Marion Bubeck (XYL K3GNM)
- 19 Babs Clayton (XYL K3HIE)
- Miriam Kravitz - KB2EUA (XYL KD2CR)
- Bill Mescanti - K2LK
- 22 Benji Jack - N3VYA
- 23 Dean Spare - N3TAL
- 25 Ronald Johnson - N3ZO
- 28 Bob Schmilewske - K3KUD
- 29 Brian Schnitzer - N3XPZ\*
- 30 Vira Johnston (XYL K3VXU)
- Bill Kane - N3OOL
- Josie MacKenzie (XYL N3QNP)
- 31 Fred Reichert - KA3BET

\*Indicates New Member - 1997



## 1998 LICENSE EXPIRATIONS

FEB-N3DGU, WB3JUA, K3VXU  
MAR-N2EMN, K3GBA, N3GEN, K3HIJ, KE3PR  
APR-W3PXY, W3ZPP  
MAY-W3KDO, K2MLJ, K3NYN  
JUN-N3GLH  
JUL-N3FTZ  
AUG-KB2GAJ, K3QLY, K3YUN  
SEP-N3FTY, K2ID  
NOV-WB3KUR  
DEC-N3ALW, WF2X  
SOMETIME IN '98-K3EUI

## HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?  
Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...  
Contact Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN for details.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

With this issue you received your Dues Invoice & Directory Information Sheet.  
Please verify the information and return it with your dues & optional Franklin Institute donation to: MIKE TANNENBAUM -K2BN  
545 Cardinal Drive - Dresher PA 19025...Your early reply will save the club additional funds, and will speed-up the publishing of the 1998 Directory.

## END OF CONFUSION

Was that FBI? SVI? FFI? Well what was it? No more confusion...  
N3FVI is now W3AOK

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the net.

- The 1998 ARRL VE test fee is now \$6.35. There is no charge for the novice test.
- The January Directors' meeting will be held at Steve & Joann's home on the first Wednesday, **January 7th**.
- On the second Wednesday, **January 14th**, we'll have our second annual Phil-Mont Auction! Russ Stafford will again be the auctioneer. Registration forms were included in the December *Blurb*.
- Plan now to attend the **February General Meeting**, when we'll hear a presentation about modern paging systems, presented by Metrocall.

**Come to a Phil-Mont meeting,  
and see what all the talk is about!**



## The PREZ SEZ

Russ Stafford, W3CH



**H**ello all you Phil-Monsters. Well, 1998 is here already, and we have a full slate of officers this year. Lots of new faces! I sit here as I'm writing, look down the list, and think how lucky we are in 1998 to have such a fine list of very talented folks to run our club this year! One thing that I'm most pleased about are our Directors. A list of real go-getters. Not one person on this Board just wanted the title, they are all very hard workers.

While we are discussing Directors, I have appointed Al (W3STW) as a director for 1998 as well. Al will do a fine job this year, as he has every time he is called on.

This year we, as Phil-Mont members, should support our club as much as possible. We do have one of the top Ham Radio clubs in the Delaware Valley. You, as a member, will want to support it to keep it going and alive with new and better events, while at the same time supporting all of the things that got us to this point. As an active member try your best to attend a Phil-Mont meeting; there are only 10 a year. I've been told the meetings are fun!

Try to volunteer for at least one Public

Service event this year—or more if your time permits. Come out and bring the family to the club picnic. Not one person complained about last year's picnic. The conversation was not limited to ham radio <smile>, and a good time was truly had by all. Please remember, this is a family club, so include your loved ones in these events, and have some fun.

Our VEC team could use some help. They have been just a little short-handed of late, so if you can help out give Dusty a call. Information on how to contact him can be found in the directory, as well as on page 4 of the *Blurb*.

Make sure you check all of your information in the directory. Name, mailing, packet and e-mail addresses, as well as your work and home phone numbers. It makes it much easier on Donald (WB3KOJ) if you don't wait until the last minute to update all your info. Did you change your call last year? If you need to get a badge with your new call, Len (W3LEN), can arrange for your new badge for a small fee to cover the costs. Information on contacting him is in the directory.

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**January General Meeting**

# AUCTION!



## UPCOMING

- Jan 7 Directors' Meeting at  
N3FTC & WU3I's
- Jan 8 License Examinations at  
The Franklin Institute
- Jan 14 **General Meeting**  
**Second Annual Auction**  
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- Feb 4 Directors' Meeting at  
KB3AFH's
- Feb 5 License Examinations at  
The Franklin Institute
- Feb 11 **General Meeting**  
**Modern paging,**  
**and how it works**  
*John Baj from Metrocall*
- Future Programs**
- Mar MS150 wrap-up and thank you pizza  
party.

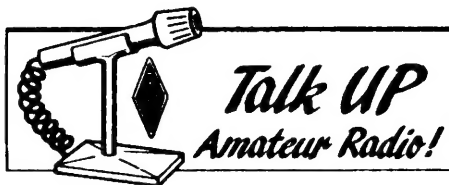
## HAMFESTS

- Mar 7 ABSECON, NJ  
Shore Points ARC
- Mar 14 YORK, PA  
Keystone VHF
- Mar 28-29 TIMONIUM, MD  
Baltimore ARC
- Apr 5 TRENTON, NJ  
Delaware Valley RA
- Apr 19 NEW CASTLE, DE  
Penn-Del ARC
- Apr 25 WARREN COUNTY, NJ  
Cherryville Repeater Assn.
- May 3 WRIGHTSTOWN, PA  
Warminster ARC

## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must two means of positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1998 test fee is \$6.35; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**  
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q  
215- 879-0505 day, 215- 448-1139 24-hours
- **BELLMAWR, NJ**  
Diane Nafis  
609-227-6281
- **BRISTOL**  
George LeNoir  
215-943-4886
- **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)  
Russ Stafford, W3CH  
610-631-3401 x902
- **NORRISTOWN**  
Raymond Patton  
610-279-1897
- **TELFORD**  
Joseph Burgess  
215-723-6697
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**  
Jeff DePolo  
215- 898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383 home
- **WARMINSTER**  
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ  
(215) 343-3494
- **WILMINGTON**  
Giselle Walls  
302-478-2757



### PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP 610-323-1050  
aa3ep@aol.com  
Russ Stafford, russ@hdj.com

Super Cities Walk

## Skywarn Listserver

There is a new listserver for Skywarn and weather related information that comes out of, or goes into the Mt. Holly NWSFO. It may be used for weather related discussions, and you may post questions to it.

NJ-PA-MD-DE-Skywarn is a mailing list devoted to, but not limited to, the discussion of Skywarn topics.

To join, send an e-mail message to:  
majordomo@qth.net  
and in the body of the message put:  
subscribe nj-pa-md-de-skywarn ☺

## The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Budget For 1998

### INCOME

ARRL Renewals.....	\$ 30
<i>Blurb</i> Subscriptions .....	20
Door Prizes, Net .....	200
Regular Dues .....	3,400
Miscellaneous Income .....	150
Initiation/Badges .....	100
Raffles .....	
Social Events .....	
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>

### EXPENSES

Archives .....	\$ 10
Autopatch .....	200
Badges/Directory .....	90
Directory .....	75
<i>Blurb</i> .....	2,425
Insurance .....	450
Miscellaneous .....	25
Sunshine .....	25
Refreshments .....	360
Repeater Maintenance .....	100
Social Events .....	0
Special Events .....	100
Stationery and Postage .....	40
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>

## On the mend

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

**Bob Field**  
**WA3INW**

## FREE HAM RADIO CLASSES

Sponsored by RF Hill Amateur Radio Club  
NO Morse Code Required  
No Age Requirement

Classes begin January 6, 1998  
Contact Norm Fusaro, W3IZ  
215-795-0390

Gentlemen,

Hello from the South West coast of Florida and "Yes the weather is wonderful."

In 1991 thru about 93 I opened and closed the station with many of the members of the "Phil-Mont mobile radio club."

Other then saying a harty hello. I want to recommend the "WEB TV." It is better then any server of the world wide web & internet that I have ever used.

The cost factor is \$199.00 + 69.95 for the initial outlay for the small reciever and infrared keyboard. However, if you act before January 21st you get \$100.00 rebated.

It can be hooked up to just about any TV or VCR/TV combination. I ran out of TV's in my home so I am using the Video card in my 6300CD Apple Macintosh. (I used IBM before Bill Gates sold America on that "Big White Elephant called Windows."

If I need a print out I freeze frame the site and send it to the printer turning off the colors( to save ink) and printing in black. I am using a Hewlett Packard 660C as a printer (Cheapo printer but a work horse.)

I was very happy with "Earthlink.Net" and when I got my hands on what I thought was a toy I found out that this is the most powerful internet/www tool that is in existance.

Sony and Phillips are almost identical. The service cost \$19.95 per month and all of your favorite "Book Marks" are saved on the "Providers Mainframe" so why use your memory? Free up your PC for other things and try WEB TV. It's about \$175.00 total !!!

Respectfully, John Meksa (N2RCJ) 1616 Bunker Hill Dr. Sun City Center, Fl. 33573-5032 Voice/Fax (813) 633-7558—Sealteam2@webtv.net

## 481 and Still Drawing!



\* BLURB COVERS THAT IS '

## MINUTES

### DECEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The December Directors' Meeting was opened at 8:08:35 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). The following officers and Board members were present: Russ (W3CH), Bill (W3GQD), Carol (N3PVO), Mike (K2BN), Jim W3BBB, Steve (WU3I), Dick (W3RM), Charlie (AA3EP), Al (K3GNM), Bob (K3KUD) and Ed (KB3IV). The following committees reported.

**TREASURER** - Mike (K2BN) reported we are coming to the end of the year, and the bottom line is we are a lot better than budgeted, for the first time in many years, with a positive cash flow of \$1,940.54 through the end of November. We have done a lot better with expenses largely due to changes with the *Blurb*. Total receipts were \$76.50 with disbursements of \$285.55 with a net change in funds of -\$209.05. Funds on hand through the end of November total \$4,626.41.

**NET CONTROL** - Ed (KB3IV) thanked Jack (W3IIM), the *Blurb* Editor, for creating the next-to-last page in the *Blurb*, containing the net control announcements. This page was created to aid those running the Phil-Mont nets, giving them easy access to the announcement and birthdays.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Jim (W3BBB) reviewed a list of equipment for sale from the estate of Jerry Mahoney (W3FB): a

TS-530S for \$375 and a TM221 2-meter FM for \$175. Proceeds from the sale of the equipment will go to the club. Also for sale is a Drake TR7.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Russ (W3CH) reported one applicant to vote on for membership, James Davis (KE3RL). A motion was made and approved to accept the applicant into membership. Welcome to Phil-Mont.

**REPEATER** - Jim (W3BBB) reported all wheels turning, and most things in place for the pending move of the repeater. We are now waiting for a date to be set by the tower rigger.

**W3AA** - Discussions continued from last month on the fate of W3AA at The Franklin Institute. Ideas on alternative housing for the station were tossed around. Ideas included colleges, other museums and libraries among other public places. Alternatives to having a station were also discussed. No definite decisions have been made, and discussions will continue at future Board Meetings. It was agreed that input from the membership would be solicited to aid in making a final decision.

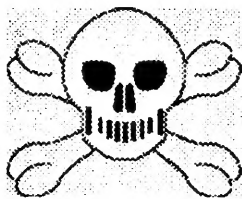
With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9:40 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). Thanks to Don (WB3KOJ) and Natalie (WB3KOH) for hosting the meeting. ☺

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Last but not least, this month is the PHIL-MONT AUCTION! Yes, the 14th of January is the big event. Let's all support this one. It's a great opportunity to break the winter blues. Spread the word out on nets, other clubs, talk it up to friends, etc. This is our only fund-raiser this year, and with the repeater move we really have need to make a lot of ready cash so Mike (K2BN) can stay up at night and have something to count. So please promote it.

Well, that's all that space will permit this month. See you all at the Auction!  
73 de Russ ☺

## Youth Net Dead Issue



Well, I hate to admit to failure, but sometimes a project is just not workable. Luckily, for me, this is not too often.

At the beginning of 1997, the club thought that Youth was the future of Phil-Mont. This is still very true. However, it doesn't look like a bright future at this point. Our P.M.R.C. youths, in general, have had no interest in having events just for themselves. They, collectively, don't seem to have any desire to staff and run their own net. I have heard all the excuses as to why they can't check in or be net control. Therefore, we feel that there is no reason for P.M.R.C. to sponsor a youth net on our club repeaters. This is a decision entirely due to lack of interest on the part of the Youth in P.M.R.C.

It saddens me to report that, beginning in January 1998, there will no longer be a Youth net sponsored by P.M.R.C. on the W3QV club repeaters. Also, if the interest in a Youth committee does not pick up, there will be no reason to continue with a committee for our Youth.

I really wanted it to work. I envisioned it as a nice place for our youth to talk about things of interest to them. This just did not happen.

I take full responsibility for this failure and if there are any fingers to be pointed they should be pointed at me, since it was my idea.

While you are pointing that finger at me, just think for a minute, did you lend a hand to help? Some of you did, but most did not. I'll take the blame for this failure, and with this behind us, we will move on to new projects for Phil-Mont!

73 de Russ (W3CH)

PHIL-MONT'S PREZ. POPS THE QUESTION...  
CHRIS SAYS YES!  
JULY NUPTIALS PLANNED...



## PACKET RACKET

Hello Packeteers. The K3HD BBS will be moving this month. At our December meeting, Rob explained that he and his BBS will be moving to Hamilton, NJ. It will remain a full-service FBB type BBS. The user ports will be in next month's "Packet Racket."

Now that Rob is back, he will be helping with the FBB program for the new BBS going in at W3AA. The new system will be WINFBB 7.00e running on a 486 computer. This will upgrade our club PBBS to a full-service BBS.

Do you know what packet BBS has more AMSAT bulletins than any other in the area? Give up? It's the W3AA PBBS on 144.99. 'Need the most up-to-date KEPS? Well, guess where they are? Yes, right here on our very own W3AA which also has a full list of distros like SWL, SATTV, AMSAT, ARRL, DX AND SPACE. Give it a try, there is plenty to read.

I'm receiving very good reports on the wide coverage of the W3CH PBBS also on 144.99. This is a full-service BBS with, as a rule, well over 3,000 ham bulletins online at any time. Stop by for a visit.

Just a reminder: be kind, check your packet mail on your local BBS and then Kill them.

Till next time, 73 de Russ, W3CH ☺

## CLUB INFORMATION

24 Hour Information Number at W3AA  
(215) 448-1139

## BRIAN's RUN-RUN

We would like to thank everyone who helped-out at Brian's Run 12/7 in West Chester Pa.

N3RUK, KA3VOY, W3LEN, AA3EP, K3EUI, N3ZIV, N3QMH, N3QNP, W3AOK, KA3BMS, N3FIH, N3WCO, W3CH, and non Ham helpers Chuck and Ronnie Ryan and Allison Huges

Thanks also for the use of the N3NAB 224.36 repeater system.

THANK YOU !

73 de Charlie (AA3EP), Russ (W3CH)

## W3IM call on the air again

The callsign W3IM, formerly held by old-time Phil-Mont member, and recent silent key Jordan "Jay" Gaul, has been reassigned to another local ham, Gardiner Pearson, ex-N3BF.

At age eleven, Gardiner was mentored by Jay, initiating their lifelong friendship. So when the call became available, Jay's daughter gladly assisted Gardiner with the transfer.

Jay will be fondly recalled as an artistic humorist who operated CW from his car (while in motion!) using a homemade "side-swiper" key strapped to his knee. The CW tradition associated with the IM call will continue (but probably not /M), as Gardiner is an inveterate CW op, seldom using any other mode.

de W3NE

*Editor's note: Jay was the club's original cartoonist, back in the '50s, and created its Gumbaundi logo which is displayed each month on our centerfold calendar page.*



## The Southern Reporter

Gil Gilpin, W3SRU

Lee County Florida EC, and former PMRC President

Florida is once again being invaded by Phil-Monters these days. Wally, W3UK is over in Cape Canaveral for the Winter. Bob, N2RM, and Dick, N8DM will arrive for the Holiday Season, as will Jack, W3IIM and Jinny, W3IIN.

I work Wally quite often on 40 meter SSB. Signals are normally well over S9. I also work Delmonters and Phil-Monters on 7205 at 9am on MWF. We still get together on 14,175.5 at 9:30am most Saturdays and Sundays. I miss Doctor Carl, W3SGR on there!

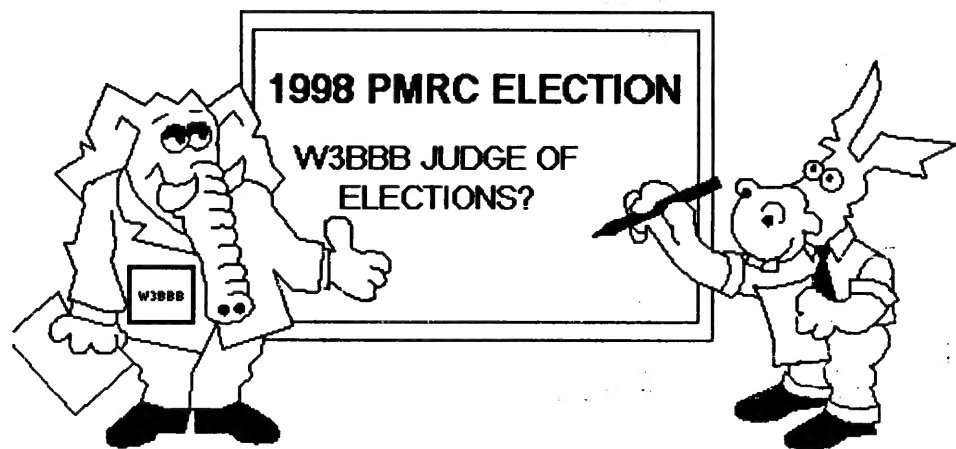
Dee Moore, WA2NSA, up above me in Northport, listens-in to hear the boys, N2RM and N8DM on there, however she does not

get on the air. 'Have to get IIM and IIN advance class licenses so that they can get on there! I listen on 28.993 every Sunday at 10am for the Phil-Mont Net, however, unfortunately, the band has not been open for quite awhile. 'Hope it does so soon.

It has been a quiet hurricane season this year, thank goodness. I get called-out by the Red Cross occasionally to handle ARES communications during forest fires and following the mini-tornados that we have down here. The tornados usually occur on the front end of cold fronts that move into Florida from the North.

I wish Phil-Mont a good 1998! ☺

**YES RUSS, WE'LL START AS SOON AS I GO  
HOME & GET THE BALLOTS OUT OF MY OTHER  
CAR!**



## MINUTES

## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary

The 572nd General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was opened by Russ (W3CH) at 8:02:40 p.m. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes from last month. With that out of the way the following committees reported.

**TREASURER** - Mike (K2BN) reported that things have slowed down in the month of November. Receipts were \$76.50 and disbursements were \$285.55, which is about what was budgeted for this time of year. The bottom line is, we have an excess of receipts over disbursements totaling \$1940.54. It is understood there are plans afoot to spend that. It is expected that the year will close out at about \$1600 ahead in receipts.

**FIELD DAY** - Steve (WU3I) reported that a spare controller is needed. Also there are still openings for band captains.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Stefanie (KE3ZY) welcomed one new member this month, Jim (KE3RL).

**NET CONTROL** - Ed (KB3IV) reported that help is still needed for the Tuesday night CW Net, not only as a net control, but your check-in and support is also needed. Russ (W3CH) reported that the Youth Net will be done away with, due to their apparent lack of interest in it.

**PROGRAMS** - Russ (W3CH) thanked Bill (W3GQD) for providing the club with good programs this past year. Also, January's meeting will be the annual auction.

**REPEATER** - Jim (W3BBB) reported that the date for the upcoming move still has not been set. Construction of the shelter has started, and it will be transported to the site

in sections.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** - Charlie (AA3EP) told us that 14 people volunteered for Brian's Run in West Chester. The next event will be in the Spring.

**SUNSHINE** - Steve (WU3I) reported Bob (WA3INW) is mending somewhere! Bob... when you read this, tell us where you've been!

**VE TESTING** - Jeff (KE3UV) said that 13 candidates were at the Thursday night session. Only 5 candidates passed tests.

**W3AA** - Steve (WU3I) reported that we still have no definite answer on what the Institute has planned for the station. It has also been rumored that nighttime activities at the Institute will be halted sometime next year.

**WELCOME** - Russ (W3CH) reported a need for a welcome committee chairperson. Stefanie (KE3ZY) welcomed 33 members and 2 visitors.

**AUDIT** - Jim (KE3OP) is ready to perform the annual audit.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Ed (KB3IV) announced that club jackets are available. A minimum order of 12 is needed.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was closed by Russ (W3CH) at 8:45 p.m., and turned over to Jim (W3BBB) our Judge of Elections.

The election results for Board of Directors were as follows: Al (K3GNM) [6], Bill (W3GQD) [40], Ed (KB3IV) [41], and Gene (N3XKE) [39]. The slate for officers ran unopposed.

See you at next month's meeting. ☺



## GOODIES

**FOR SALE: Club property from estates**  
Kenwood TS-530-S SSB Transceiver  
incl/WARC Bands w/manual and  
hand mic. Checked out to specs. .... \$400  
Kenwood TM-221 FM Transceiver  
30W output w/manual and  
microphone ..... 175  
Tempo VHF-1 FM Transceiver 15W output  
w/manual and microphone ..... 95  
Drake TR-7 SSB Transceiver,  
RV-7 Remote VFO, MS-7 Speaker,  
PS-7 Pwr Sply. Checked out to specs,  
w/manual ..... 500  
—Jim Spencer, W3BBB, 215-362-5172

### FOR SALE:

Measurements Model 560 FM Signal  
Generator 25 to 960 MHz ..... \$100  
Hewlett-Packard Model 606-A Signal  
Generator 50 kHz to 65 MHz  
w/manual ..... 95  
Hewlett-Packard Model 608-F Signal  
Generator 10 MHz to 455 MHz  
w/manual ..... 150  
VHF Engineering FM Repeater,  
Brand New, 144 MHz to 148 MHz  
incl. VHF Eng 20A P.S. .... 300  
—Jim Spencer, W3BBB, 215-362-5172

### Make donation to club

Computer, AT&T 6300, good for word  
processing, packet. CPU 8086, monitor,  
keyboard, Citizens printer w/tractor, mo-  
dem, 20 mb HD (see note ) 5 1/4 floppy  
drive. Spare CPU and hard drive, spare  
printer for parts, extra floppies. No docu-  
mentation.  
Note: Requires swap of spare hard drive  
supplied. Requires some setup expertise.  
—George King, W3PXY, 215-968-4483.

## DX Report

Joe Pearlstein, NU3Y

### 9N - Nepal

K4VUD reports that he will operating from  
Nepal in February. Look for him as 9N1UD  
starting after Feb. 20, 1998 for approx. two  
weeks.

### 9Q - Dem. Rep. of Congo

Zaire has officially changed its name to the  
above. 9Q2T is active on 40 and 20 meters  
SSB. QSL to ON5NT. 9Q5TE is active on  
the low end of 40 CW around 0440 UTC, 20  
SSB from 2100 UTC and on 12 SSB around  
1700 UTC. QSL to SM0BFJ.

### 9U - Burundi

PA3DZN is active as 9U2L until mid-Jan-  
uary on 1825, 3505, and 7005 from 2000 to  
0200 UTC. QSL via his home call.

### ER - Moldava

Slawa, ER1LW is active on 30, 17, or 12  
meters during the weekends. He is also  
active on RTTY. Slawa's e-mail address is  
er1lw@cinf.usm.md

### JD1 - Minami Torishima

JG8NQJ is currently operating as JG8NQJ/  
JD1 from Marcus Is., IOTA OC073 through  
February 28th. QLS to JASCJY.

### TR8 - Gabon

TR8XX is active on 1823 kHz from around  
0515 UTC. QSL direct.

Good DXing!

## Thanksgiving Day Parade Disaster "R" Us!

Marc Zaharchuk, WA3CRM

**R**ecalling that the Sycamore tree which  
fell across Kelly Drive during the  
CoreStates Race was just east of  
Checkpoint Azalea/Lincoln, and in the past  
I have had a lost child, a broken wrist and an  
assortment of other miscellaneous and mi-  
nor issues, I wonder if there is a black cloud  
above, or my guardian angel is manipulat-  
ing me to be where I am, when I am.

Charlie Johnson (K3CJ) and I again  
supported the annual arrival of Santa Claus  
in the Thanksgiving Day Parade (Gimble's-  
since 1920). The list called for me to shad-  
ow the lead banner. Nice work compared to  
17th or 18th and Market with its sunless,  
wind-swept corners.

The radio crackled the notice that a  
lightpole had closed down the parade queue  
on JFK Boulevard. In the background the  
sound of metal loosened in the 45 mph  
winds rang through the old Conrail-Grey-  
hound building on North Market. The offic-  
er at my site was licensed, and had his  
ICOM 02-AT w/BP-8 Pack. We looked  
up—nothing obvious. Consulting with the  
officer on the other side of the building, he  
noted that that last metal clap was loud, but  
not the first.

A parade golf cart approached. The  
official noted that a pole at ninth no 19th  
and Market had struck a pedestrian. Relay  
one Priority message via police radio. Just  
then we both saw it, up 5 or 6 stories. A 4'  
x10' sheet of corrugated floor metal was  
flapping in the breeze. In less time than I  
could recall, Philadelphia Police had cor-  
doned-off the area.

The next decision was whether or not  
to detour the parade. An in-line blade pa-  
troller scouted the primary route for over-  
head and lateral clearance. We shifted the  
bands, the people and smaller balloons, up  
18th, up to JFK, and the police would take  
the bigger floats through the hazard zone.  
L&I had been called. Fire companies re-  
sponded. The wind was still kicking up dust  
and debris. Santa was eased off of the float  
and the entire parade was reintegrated at  
15th and JFK on the original route.

The parade continued as planned.  
Crowds waited for The Man from the North  
Pole. They were not disappointed. The  
broadcast went on, and 3, 6, and 29 got their  
human interest stories.

Time for that 7-11 hoagie washed down  
with a Barq's Root Beer. This year we had  
a choice of three soups—such cuisine!!

For 1998 I must resolve to repair my  
Icoms and stop borrowing the HTs. ☹

## Amateur Radio Class To Be Taught At The Bucks County Community College

Penn Wireless Association will teach an eleven-week course  
beginning February 17.

Contact Jim Karasek, AA3LQ  
215-953-0250

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# THE W3AA REPORT

**M**erry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Station is still here but for how much longer remains a mystery. Last year at this time I wrote to you that..."The Institute is under internal review for a major makeover. The location of the station is tentatively planned for the third floor on the other side of the building. The plan is in the analysis stage, and the funding is not yet set, so we are probably looking at 1.5 - 3 years before any major work has to be done."

Well here it is a year later! The Institute is keeping us where we are, and offices are going on the rest of the fourth floor. *No visitors* will be coming through the fourth floor unless escorted. That is how they are going to work the observatory, and that is the only way we can have visitors at this writing.

This change is supposed to take place after the Bower Awards this spring. Those volunteers still active, on a weekly basis, please keep in touch with Bobbie Dillon in the Volunteer Office as to the start of construction. I hope to continue the activity of the station, but the Board is working on what we must do.

If you have an opinion or idea, contact an officer or Board member to have it presented to the Board. You may also attend a Board meeting and present your own idea. Please contact the host, prior to the meeting, to make sure of accommodations.

—Steve Hoch, WU3I

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

## 152<sup>ND</sup> MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS DECEMBER

17 candidates took 22 elements  
2 new amateur plus 1 upgrade

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Steve Hoch, WU3I; Jim McCloskey, KE3OP; Jeff Kerber, KE3UV

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Ignorance can be fixed; stupid is forever.		<b>1</b>  New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 2M NCS WB3KOJ 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3PWG <i>Quadrantid Meteor Shower</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Twelfth Night</i>	<b>6</b> CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM WA3NSP	<b>7</b> DIRECTORS' MEETING at N3FTC & WU3I's	<b>8</b> 153 <sup>rd</sup> LICENSE EXAM Session at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3STW	<b>12</b> ○	<b>13</b> CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3AOK	<b>14</b> GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>Club Deadline!</i>
<b>18</b> 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS N3JDM	<b>19</b> <i>M.L. King's Birthday</i>	<b>20</b> CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 2M NCS WA3NSP 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS KB3IV	<b>26</b> ○	<b>27</b> CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM WA3NSP	<b>28</b> ●	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>